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My name is Barbara Rush. As a retired teacher of 30 years from the Helena Public Schools I am sad to see that it has come to such a situation that we have to pass bills to protect children from school curriculum. But it has come to this pass. Parents deserve the right to not have their kindergarteners taught sex education or their 5<sup>th</sup> graders taught about anal sex. These things are not taught because the children need the education. People who have the false idea that they have superior values that they have the right to force on others have written these curriculums. They don't have superior understandings and they don't have the right to try to change societal values by using other people's children. This is a free society and parents will decide what values they want their children to have. School is for teaching academics, not values. Parents have the right to be asked their permission as to whether their children will be exposed to this sort of curriculum. They have the right to have an opt in situation. I urge a do pass on HB456.

Thank You  
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